

FISCAL NOTE

HB 135 - SB 229

February 19, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Codifies current practice of the Commissioner of General Services to use established catalogue prices as an additional exception to competitive sealed bidding for purchases. Codifies current practice of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration (F&A) to utilize vendor client visits and "Best and Final Offer" (BAFO) techniques in the procurement of state services. Authorizes use of minimum threshold technical scores by F&A.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to General Services, contracts are currently awarded based on established catalogue prices.
- Commissioner of General Services has the authority to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-2-216.
- F&A regulations provide for the use of oral presentations, vendor visits, key personnel interviews as well as BAFO techniques.
- Establishing a minimum threshold technical score technique will permit the State more discretion to delineate a pass/fail point in a technical proposal.
- There may be a reduction in the amount of administrative time used in the bid process for procurement of goods and services as a result of this bill. Any such reduction in expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director